2018 Public Outreach Summary: Bike Plan

The Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) hosted three open house public outreach meetings to update people on the work of the Bike Plan in October 2018. The meeting’s goals were to

1. Inform the public of progress and decisions that have been made
2. Gain feedback on route selection, prioritization methods and prioritized goals / actions.
3. Engage people in an interactive and detailed way

Meetings were spread out throughout the city, summary below. Following a short presentation, DOMI presented attendees with opportunities to provide feedback at each open house in 3 ways: a Wikimapping comments map, a Vision and Goals table, and a Project Selection table. In addition, the public was invited to give feedback through an online wikimap at their convenience. DOMI related its Vision Statement and goals for the department and bike plan:

Open House Schedule:

- October 1, 2018: Allentown Senior Center
- October 15, 2018: Manchester Citizen Corporation
- October 16, 2018: East Liberty Presbyterian Church

Engagement Opportunities

- **Wikimapping**: DOMI presented participants with a map of the current bike network, including current network gaps, and gave participants the opportunity to leave comments about potential trouble spots or desired routes and draw preferred routes on the map. (images attached)
- **Vision and Goals Table**: This table presented participants with a goal of the Bike Plan, such as Safety: Pittsburgh is a safe place to ride. Under each goal was a sub-goal, such as Decrease Serious Injuries: Decrease the rate of yearly bicycle deaths or serious injuries to zero. Following this was a short description of the current state of affairs and an outline of future actions that could be undertaken to achieve the goal. The public was then asked to provide feedback relating to the sub-goal. The public’s responses will be presented below. (boards attached)
- **Project Selection Table**: This table presented participants with a worksheet that allowed them to evaluate their own bike infrastructure project by creating a project based on what they wanted to see in the city and then grading that project according to each question in the worksheet by assigning the available points based on their answer. For example, a project could be “Extend Hazelwood Trial up the Mon,” the question could be “Does this project close a gap in the existing bicycle network,” and the participant could grant their project 0 to 10 points based on their answer. These project selection worksheets will be presented in an appendix. (boards attached)
High traffic area, cars sometimes barely stop at all, and often are not attentive or courteous to bikers.